

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please **AMEND** the section on page 1, following the heading entitled "**RELATED APPLICATIONS**" as follows:

This application claims priority to commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/451,607, filed March 3, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REGULAR ENTRANCE INTO A BONUS GAME" which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.

~~This application is a continuation in part of:~~

~~commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/419,303, filed April 18, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A TIME BASED PAYMENT FROM A GAMING DEVICE", and is also a continuation-in-part of:~~

~~commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/420,066, filed April 21, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMPLOYING FLAT RATE PLAY", and is also a continuation-in-part of:~~

~~commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/414,934, filed April 15, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINKED PLAY GAMING WITH COMBINED OUTCOMES AND SHARED INDICIA", and is also a continuation-in-part of:~~

~~commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/420,981, filed April 22, 2003, entitled "GAMING DEVICE METHOD AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING ALTERNATE PAYOUT FEATURES", and is also a continuation-in-part of:~~

~~commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/xxx,xxx (Attorney docket No. 03-005), filed February 26, 2004, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLAY OF A GAME WITH NEGATIVE OUTCOMES". Each of the above referenced applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.~~

The present application is related to commonly owned co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/414,934 filed April 15, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LINKED PLAY GAMING WITH COMBINED OUTCOMES AND SHARED INDICIA"; and is also related to commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/419,303, filed April 18, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A TIME BASED PAYMENT FROM A GAMING DEVICE"; and is also related to commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/420,066, filed April 21, 2003, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMPLOYING FLAT RATE PLAY"; and is also related to commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/420,981, filed April 22, 2003, entitled "GAMING DEVICE METHOD AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING ALTERNATE PAYOUT FEATURES"; commonly-owned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/787,356, filed February 26, 2004, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLAY OF A GAME WITH NEGATIVE OUTCOMES". Each of the above-referenced applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.